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GERMANS LOSING ON TWO FRONTS

Tenton Army Suffers at the Hands of British East of La-Boiselle, While Slavs Continue Advance in Volhynia

London, July 7.—British troops have captured a thousand yards of German trenches in severe fighting east of LaBoiselle, (east of Albert). General Haig reported this afternoon. The gain is one of the most important advances scored by the British since the first day of the allies' great offensive.

Severe fighting is going on in the LaBoiselle sector, Haig reported. The Germans have suffered heavy losses. "Southwest of Thiepval a determined German attack was repulsed," reported the British commander-in-chief.

The British gain east of LaBoiselle is of particular importance, because it links up with the eastward advance of the French north of Somme. The Germans had massed large forces on this sector and counter-attacked desperately in efforts to fling back the British line.

The official statement from the German war office this afternoon reported violent fighting on both banks of the Somme, but contained no admission of allied gains.

The Germans, however, admitted a retirement under heavy Russian attacks near Czartory, and announced that the Russians delivered strong attacks against Von Hindenburg's front in the north. These attacks, however, were repulsed.

The Italian war office announced another victory for the great allied offensive in the fighting on the Trentino front, driving back the Austrians in many places.

Berlin, July 7.—German troops have abandoned certain lines in the region of Czartory, in Volhynia, under attack by superior Russian forces, it was officially admitted this afternoon.

At Kostuchnowka, west of Kolki, and on both sides of Sokul, Russian attacks were repulsed with heavy losses to the Slavs.

Strong Russian forces attacked General von Hindenburg's front south of Lake Narocz and northeast of Smorgon, but were repulsed, the war office announced this afternoon.

Petrograd, July 7.—Russian armies in southern Galicia are now within 10 miles of both Stanislaw and Nadwornka and are pressing their advance westward, despite increasingly stubborn Austrian resistance.

The Austrian forces that evacuated Mikuliczyn, giving the Russians command of an important railway, are now retreating southward toward the Carpathian mountains.

An official statement from the war office today announced fresh successes on several sectors of the long battle front. In the fighting below Kolki Tuesday and Wednesday, the czar's troops captured more than 300 officers and 7415 men, a large part of them Germans; six guns, 23 machine guns, several thousand rifles, two searchlights, eleven bomb throwers and 77 ammunition wagons. This brings the total number of prisoners captured since the offensive began to more than 242,000.

San Francisco, July 7.—The price of fuel oil is increased five cents a barrel today by the Standard Oil Company of California. A barrel of 42 gallons now costs 95 cents. Producers of this oil, it was announced, will receive an advance of five cents for every barrel.

GEN. FREDERICK FUNSTON.

Will Lead Troops Into Mexico if Intervention Comes.



Photo by American Press Association.

LULL IN BATTLE ON BOTH SIDES OF RIVER SOMME

Paris, July 7.—The lull in the fighting on the French front on both sides of the river Somme, where the allied offensive is under way, continued throughout last night. The war office today reported utter calm on the Somme front.

The night passed without infantry fighting on the Verdun front also, although a violent bombardment occurred on the east side of the Meuse, in the regions of Thiaumont, Flury and Chenois wood.

In LePetre wood, southeast of Verdun, the Germans made an unsuccessful but powerful attack on French trenches. French grenades retaliated, cleaning up a German trench and taking some prisoners.

French military critics warn the public today that the lull on the Somme front may continue for a few days while the French reorganize and prepare for a new attack by fresh bombardments. They point out that the lull on the western front is being followed by increased activity by the Russians, particularly in southeastern Galicia.

BRITISH SHIP IS CAPTURED IN RAID

Amsterdam, July 7.—That a portion of the German high seas forces swept through waters close to the English coast, capturing the British steamer Leetie, was announced today in an official statement from the German admiralty. The German raid was made Wednesday.

This is the second time German naval forces have appeared near the English coast within three weeks. June 16 the steamer Brussels plying between England and the Hook of Holland was captured and taken to Zeebrugge.

AMERICA SOON TO SEE MOVIES OF BIG DRIVE

Washington, July 7.—America will soon be seeing the big drive in the movies, according to a private London cablegram today to one of the embassies here.

"Probably no such battle ever before has been recorded," the message says. "The cinematograph operators are everywhere and exposing themselves with great heroism, securing pictures of troops actually leaving the trenches under a galling fire."

UNITED STATES WOULD BRING PEACE TO MEXICO

President Wilson and His Cabinet to Allow Carranza to Suggest Method by Which This Country Can Aid in Settling Difficulties of Southern Country and Assuring the Return of Prosperity

Washington, July 7.—President Wilson proposes to allow General Carranza himself to suggest the best means by which this country can aid Mexico to solve her difficulties. This, it was stated today, is the most important feature of the note from Secretary Lansing to Mexican Foreign Minister Aguilar, accepting the latter's proposal for direct negotiations.

This note, in completed form, was gone over by the president and his cabinet, in a long session today. It was expected to be forwarded to Mexico City by Ambassador Arredondo before night.

Washington, July 7.—The American-Mexican situation today had changed from one that contemplated war to one contemplating rehabilitation of Carranza's country.

How to bring peace and prosperity out of the Mexican chaos was the problem of President Wilson and his cabinet.

The session was expected to mark the second step by the president in working out the Mexican question. Primarily the cabinet has for consideration Secretary Lansing's formal reply to Secretary Aguilar's pacific note. This formally accepts the idea of direct negotiations, and, it is understood, indicates the willingness of this government to go a long way in helping restore the shattered republic.

Other problems of prime importance before the cabinet were:

COMMISSION MAY STUDY MEXICAN PROBLEM AND REPORT PLAN OF ACTION

Washington, July 7.—Declaring "the government of the United States is prepared immediately to exchange views as to a practical plan to remove finally and prevent a recurrence of the difficulties which have been the cause of controversy," Secretary of State Lansing dispatched to Mexican Ambassador Arredondo today a reply to General Carranza's note of July 4.

The American government comments favorably in the note on the "frank statement of the difficulties which have unfortunately arisen," and expresses gratification over the unreserved expression of the desire of your government to reach an adjustment.

Arredondo will immediately telegraph the note to the Mexican foreign office, and it is expected that he will at once be instructed to begin the desired negotiations with the state department.

Acting Secretary of State Polk will conduct the negotiations for the department in the absence of Secretary Lansing, who leaves on his vacation this afternoon.

It is understood a practical plan already considered favorably by representatives of the two governments in advance of the drafting of today's note is for a commission to study the whole problem and make recommendations to the heads of the two countries.

Washington, July 7.—The note delivered today by Secretary Lansing to Ambassador Arredondo, in reply to that received Tuesday from Foreign Secretary Aguilar, follows:

"Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of July 4, 1916, in which you

MRS. MADELINE DICK.

Widow of John Jacob Astor, Who Married and Gave Up Fortune.



NOT MORE THAN 1000 GUARDSMEN FOR DISCHARGE

Washington, July 7.—Though having no statistics on the number of national guardsmen with dependent families, war department officials today estimated not more than 1,000 men will be discharged under Secretary Baker's permit to department commanders to free such men from service.

Hundreds of letters asking release of men with families have reached the department, but many of these duplicate the same cases. In freeing the men, the states will give them an honorable discharge and must then recruit others to fill their places. The guardsmen who wish to escape service may make affidavit at any time that his family is in need of his support and the department commander can free him without other ceremony or formality.

The war department believes there will be an extremely large number of cases where men who have families will not claim exemption because there is a nest egg tucked away in the bank or other bread-winners in the family.

TOWNS BOMBARDED BY THE AIR FLEETS

Paris, July 7.—The open town of Lure has been bombed by a German air squadron and 11 persons were killed and three wounded. The war office announced that the French will reserve reprisals until later.

Lure is a town of 6,000, lying west of Belfort and near the German lines in upper Alsace. A French bombing air squadron last night dropped 40 shells on the Ham-les-Noies railway and junctions west of Charleville. Returning to the French lines, French warplanes escorted the bombing squadron brought down two German planes near Mecceres and the Lessincourt woods.

A. G. SPALDING JR. IS KILLED IN WAR

San Diego, July 7.—Albert G. Spalding, Jr., adopted son of the late A. G. Spalding, millionaire sporting goods manufacturer, was killed in action in Flanders July 1, according to word received here today. Young Spalding was a lieutenant in the Tenth Royal Inniskillen Fusiliers. He met his death in the first few hours of the allies' present offensive. Spalding's mother resides at Point Loma, but is visiting out of the city at present. News of her son's death was sent her by the British war office.

RECRUIT NEW ARMY FOR VILLA

Bandit Leader Is Declared Alive, and His Agents Are Now Assembling Troops to Carry on Border Warfare

Columbus, N. M., July 7.—Declaring Villa is alive and desires a great army to fall upon the gringos and drive them from Mexico, Villista agents are recruiting in villages south of the American expedition's advanced base.

The agitators and recruiting agencies have also been working among the Carranzista troops at Villa Ahumada and other garrisons, encouraging desertion to the bandit leader's army. They used the argument that Carranza is in league with the United States.

The Mexican natives who brought this story to the American lines, according to motor truck men arriving here today, firmly believed Villa is alive.

The arrivals also reported that a detachment of the Fifth United States cavalry narrowly escaped a Carranzista trap in the village of San Antonio, shortly after the Carrizal incident. The detachment had been sent after a large consignment of supplies intended for General Pershing's forces which, through design or mistake, reached San Antonio, south of the American line. Mexican soldiers, hid in adobe houses, covered the American troopers as the leaders of the two sides parleyed in the outskirts. The Carranzista commander ordered the troopers to fall back immediately and not to enter the village, according to the truck men. The arrangement was finally reached for a motor train, unguarded, to transfer the supplies.

GOV. JOHNSON IS STILL A MOOSER

Sacramento, July 7.—Governor Hiram Johnson will have a hot message for progressives at the state-wide conference in San Francisco Saturday afternoon, it was stated by his friends today.

The governor declined to give a line on what he will speak about, though stating that the "main purpose of the conference is to maintain progressive principles of government in California and nationally."

It is considered probable that Johnson will during the course of his speech make known whether he will run for United States senator. He is also expected to speak on national affairs. It is said by persons close to the governor that he will not actively campaign for Candidate Hughes, though he has selected Hughes as his personal choice.

It would not be surprising if the governor should at the conference indicate his choice for lieutenant-governor.

ENGLAND AND GERMANY WILL EXCHANGE PRISONERS

Copenhagen, July 7.—England and Germany have agreed to an exchange of civilian prisoners, according to information received by Americans here today. The exchange will affect many thousand Germans who were interned in England after the Lusitania sinking and a large number of English civilians in German internment camps.

Thomas Mackenzie of Hugo was in the city yesterday.